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FOR MATLOCK FROM SHINN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. TOM HUTSON WOULD LIKE THE POST'S VIEWS REGARDING HIS ETA. FOLLOWING LANGUAGE BRUSH-UP, HL AND CONSULTATIONS HE COULD ARRIVE AS EARLY AS SEPT 8 OR 11, BUT PER TELLS HIM CLIFF CANNOT DEPART BEFORE OCTOBER 2 BECAUSE OF 18-MONTH HL RULE. TOM WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE HIS CHILDREN START SCHOOL THAT LATE, HOWEVER. ALTHOUGH IN THEORY IT IS POSSIBLE TO HAVE UP TO ONE MONTH OF OVERLAP, THE HOUSING SITUATION PROBABLY WOULD NOT MAKE THAT POSSIBLE. ANY SUGGESTIONS?

2. INCIDENTALLY, AS OF NOW TOM'S TITLE WILL BE FIRST SECRETARY. WOULD YOU AGREE WE SHOULD TRY FOR COUNSELOR TITLE?

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3. MO MORIN IS WONDERING IF HE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED HOUSING, AND IF SO, WHAT.

4. FOR PRINGLE FROM WILLEMS: WOODY MCCLELLAN ASKED ABOUT THE POWER OF ATTORNEY, WHICH HE STILL HAS NOT RECEIVED. PLEASE LET ME KNOW THE DATE YOU MAILED IT.

5. WE WELCOME THE NEWS THAT SANDY GUST WILL ARRIVE A BIT EARLIER (AUGUST 21) THAN EXPECTED. WE WILL PLAN ON THAT BASIS AND LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING HER ABOARD.

6. WE HAVE AN INFORMAL REQUEST FROM THE 7TH FLOOR TO KNOW IF THERE IS ANYONE PLANNING TO TRAVEL VIA THE TRANS-SIBERIAN FROM MOSCOW IN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO WHO MIGHT AGREE TO TRAVEL IN COMPANY WITH A LADY FSO WHO WISHES TO MAKE THIS TRIP BUT NOT ALONE.

7. DAO PROJECT: HELSINKI HAS NOW COME IN TO SAY THAT JULY 10 IS OK FOR SECOND SHIPMENT; HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE AND THE FACT THAT THE FIRST SHIPMENT HAS STILL NOT BEEN CLEARED, WE WONDER IF IT IS WISE TO GO AHEAD. IF FIRST SHIPMENT IS NOT CLEARED BY JULY 10, WE WOULD BE INCLINED TO POSTPONE. PLEASE COMMENT.

8. BOB MCMENAMIN OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER WHO WAS SUCCEEDED BY PAUL JOHNSON AS HEAD OF RELATIONS WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, TOLD MARSHALL THAT ROBERT BOOTH, GENERAL COUNSEL OF IH AND A LEADING LAWYER IN CHICAGO, IS LEAVING TOMORROW FOR MOSCOW TO DO WHATEVER POSSIBLE FOR CRAWFORD. MCMENAMIN WANTED THE AMBASSADOR TO KNOW THAT THE COMPANY FEELS STRONGLY THAT CRAWFORD SHOULD BE GIVEN STRONG SUPPORT AND IS PREPARED TO DO ALL IT CAN. HE
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INDICATED THAT COMPANY OFFICIALS HAD SPOKEN STRONGLY TO SHUSHKOV ON THE MATTER, WHO SAID HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD, BUT CITED SOVIET LEGAL OBSTACLES.

9. SINCE THE 19TH, WITH PUBLIC UTTERANCES AND LOCAL REACTIONS, THERE HAS BEEN A SEEMING CHANGE IN THE CORRELATION OF FORCES, FAVORING THE SEVENTH FLOOR. TOLYA MUST HAVE REPORTED IT; CERTAINLY HE IS WATCHING IT CLOSELY. VANCE

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